

# District Highlights

## March 15, 2012 Actions by the Governing Board

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- The Governing Board approved creation of a new **On-Road Trucker Voucher Incentive Program** and allocated \$3 million in existing DMV surcharge revenues to fund it. Recently, the District received \$1.8 million from the U.S. EPA to launch a new program to provide additional flexibility to small businesses that may not qualify for other incentive programs to replace polluting diesel trucks, a significant source of nitrogen oxides and particulate matter in the Valley. Because of the success of that pilot program, the District will create a new, ongoing program to achieve emission reductions for this sector.
- The Board approved and authorized an agreement to provide \$184,700 to the **Stanislaus Council of Governments** to purchase land-use tools to help Valley cities and counties develop land-use scenarios and assess associated emissions impacts. This will help establish greenhouse gas targets for the Valley per state law, and help cities and counties evaluate alternatives for reducing motor vehicle emissions.
- The Board finalized the agenda for a two-day study session scheduled for May 2-3 at Bass Lake. The meeting is open to the public. Among agenda topics are refining antiquated provisions of the Clean Air Act, Title V permitting, emission-reduction incentive programs, indoor air pollution and air pollution health research priorities for the coming year.

### March Healthy Air Living Tip

In the San Joaquin Valley, more than 1.7 million passenger vehicles travel over 65 million miles, and collectively emit 8,600 tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, each year.

(Reference: EMFAC 2011).

Tip: Electric and other advanced vehicles are a great way to reduce the impact of your commute. The latest information about District and other financial incentives for advanced vehicles is available at [www.valleyair.org/Grant\\_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm) and at [www.energycenter.org/cvrp](http://www.energycenter.org/cvrp).

## February District Activities

### *Outreach and Communications*

- Outreach and Communications wrapped up the ninth annual Check Before You Burn season with a flurry of media and public calls seeking information about the unusual winter. Registrations picked up for the March 21 clean yard-care conference, and planning proceeded with the joint electric-vehicle workshop at the Fresno office March 17 with the California Center for Sustainable Energy.
- OC responded to 117 public calls or emails and 17 media calls. There were three press releases issued about the end of Check Before You Burn season, a Bakersfield event with EPA and a health cautionary statement. District staff took part in 12 outreach events during February including the three-day World Ag Expo in Tulare.

### *Grant and Incentive Programs*

- The District received 164 incentive program applications in February. 75 were for the Wood Stove Change Out Program and 38 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$4,289,894 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in February. \$4,032,687 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims were paid.

Component	Number of Claims	Amount Paid
Ag Engine	19	\$283,338
Ag-UTV	5	\$11,552
Off-Road	31	\$900,889
On-Road DERA VIP	5	\$173,611
On-Road VIP	2	\$70,000
School Bus Replacement	18	\$1,727,783
School Bus Retrofit	131	\$865,512

### Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)

	• NOx	525
	• PM	27
	• ROG	83
Total:		635

- \$68,538 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$47,500 in Wood Stove Change Out Program claims were paid and 86 claims were processed.
- There was \$40,000 in claims paid out in Public Benefit Program claims in February. Two claims were processed.

### Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 2885 inspections in February. 245 NOVS were issued. 258 mutual settlement cases were completed.
- **Permits** received 258 applications in February. 722 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 23 smoking vehicle reports.
- **The District** received 84 environmental documents for review.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board\***  
9 a.m. Thurs., April 19

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***  
10 a.m. Tues., April 3

**Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.**  
5:30 pm Tues., March 22

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Details: [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org)

\*Webcast